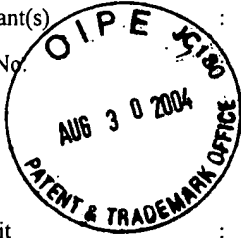


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : KATO, et al.
Serial No. : 10/018,846
Filed : April 12, 2004
For : INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS,
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Art Unit : 2661



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	47	Minus	** = 27	* x 20	\$18 (9)	= \$360.00
Independent claims	21	Minus	*** = 18	* x 3	\$86 (43)	= \$258.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$618.00

* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

** If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid ☐, or is paid herewith ☐.

☐ This response is being filed within the ___ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a ___ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$ **618.00** is attached, which covers the cost of ☒ additional claims ___ petition for extension of time.

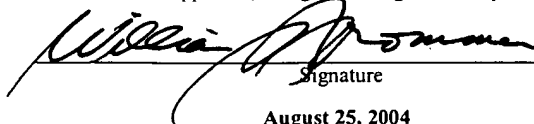
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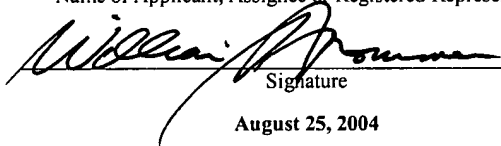
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first office action, please amend the above-identified
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